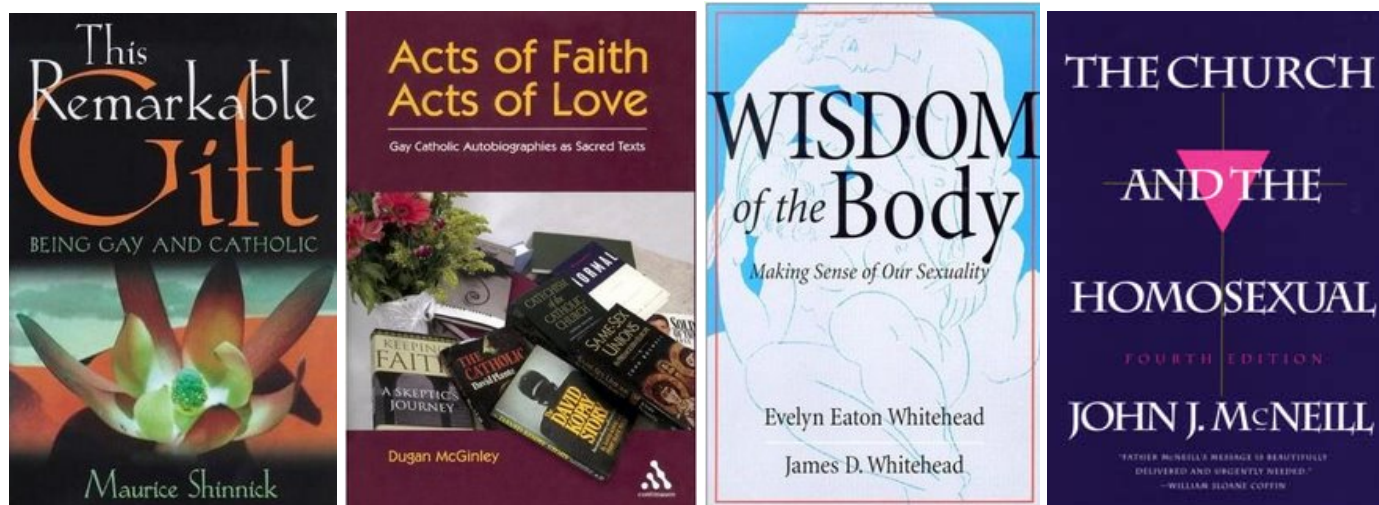


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In Good Conscience: Sister Jeannine Gramick's Journey of Faith

This documentary film chronicles the true story of Sister Jeannine Gramick, her ministry to gay and lesbian Catholics, and Vatican efforts to silence her on the subject of homosexuality.

To order, visit <http://www.newwaysministry.org/BookStore.html> or Amazon.com.

For the Bible Tells Me So

Through the experiences of five very normal, very Christian, very American families – including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson – we discover how insightful people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child. Informed by such respected voices as Bishop Desmond Tutu, Harvard's Peter Gomes, Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg and Reverend Jimmy Creech, *For the Bible Tells Me So* offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity.

To order, visit www.forthetibletellmeso.org/index2.htm or Amazon.com.

Anyone and Everyone

Connected by having a son or daughter who is gay, parents across the country discuss their experiences in the documentary *Anyone and Everyone*. In it, filmmaker Susan Polis Schutz, depicts families from all walks of life. Individuals from such diverse backgrounds as Japanese, Bolivian, and Cherokee, as well as from various religious denominations such as Mormon, Jewish, Roman Catholic, Hindu, and Southern Baptist, share intimate accounts of how their children revealed their sexual orientation and discuss their responses. The parents also talk about struggling with the pain of their sons and daughters dealing with not being accepted by relatives or friends, and being ostracized by religious congregations. This film is especially important since up to 26% of gay teens who come out to their parents or guardians are told they must leave home. Of the approximately 1.6 million homeless American youth, 20-40% identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. Nearly 40% of LGBT (GLBT) students report being physically harassed. In a 2001 Department of Health study of youth in Massachusetts, about 40 percent of gay and lesbian students attempted suicide, compared to about 10 percent of their heterosexual peers.

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Abomination: Homosexuality and the Ex-Gay Movement

This documentary focuses on sexual orientation conversion therapies, sometimes called “reparative therapy,” and the groups that promote them – including NARTH (National Association for Research and Treatment of Homosexuality), a group endorsed by many within the Courage apostolate. Conversion therapies have been criticized by mainstream mental health professionals for the harm they cause and for their practitioners' overstated claims of success. Nevertheless, these “treatments” are increasingly being promoted by conservative faith communities across the US. The film profiles the journeys of four gay Christians who did everything possible to become heterosexual including the treatment protocols of the so-called ex-gay ministries. At times heartbreaking, at other times hilarious, the approaches taken by the Church range from shock therapy and hypnosis to gender coaching and sham marriages. Ultimately the therapy fails, even for the ministers in charge as they repeatedly scandalize themselves by “relapsing into gayness.” *Abomination* features a number of national mental health experts who have studied and written about the ex-gay movement's treatment failures, including prominent psychiatrist, Robert Spitzer, MD, who cuts through the media sensationalism and explains what his controversial research on reparative therapy actually means. Despite the pain chronicled in this groundbreaking film, *Abomination* is a poignant testament to human resilience and to the sometimes difficult journey to self-acceptance.

To order, visit www.aglp.org/pages/abomination.html